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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 18 MEETING WITH PRIMIN
KIM CHONG-PIL

1. SECRETARY HAD ONE HOUR DISCUSSION WITH PRIMIN
KIM. MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE

2. PRIMIN KIM EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET
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AND PRC SUPPORT OF KIM IL-SONG'S FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL.
HE PARTICULARLY NOTED NORTH KOREAN BROADCAST
REPORTING SUSLOV STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF NORTH
KOREAN POSITION.

3. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT, AS HE HAD TOLD FONMIN KIM, NEITHER PRC NOR USSR WANTS TO CREATE REAL TROUBLE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IN ADDITION, THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH EACH OTHER, AND WITH THEIR NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE U.S., CREATES ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF STABILITY IN THE SITUATION. THE SECRETARY SAID THE USSR ATTITUDE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE ATTITUDE OF OTHER NATIONS AS WE MOVE CLOSER TO THE UNGA. HE ALSO NOTED THAT, IF THE PRC SUPPORTS NORTH KOREA, THE USSR IS UNDER PRESSURE TO DO THE SAME THING. HOWEVER, THIS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE A FINAL POSITION.

4. PRIME MINISTER KIM SAID THAT THE ROKG IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNCURK PROBLEM. ITS POLICY ON UNCURK IS FLEXIBLE. HOWEVER, WE MUST STAND FIRM ON THE QUESTION OF UN FORCES. HE HOPED THE UN FORCES ISSUED WOULD NOT GO AS FAR AS SECURITY COUNCIL. HOWEVER, IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE VERY LITTLE MARGIN IN THE UNGA AS FAR AS VOTES ARE CONCERNED.

5. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE ROKG'S DUAL ADMISSION PROPOSAL WILL ENGENDER A GOOD DEAL OF SUPPORT. SECRETARY SAID HE HAD A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THAT MATTER WITH FONMIN KIM AND WE SEE EYE TO EYE ON OUR APPROACH. HE NOTED THAT WE SHOULD WIN ON THE UNC ISSUE IF IT COMES TO A TEST. HE FURTHER RECOGNIZED THAT HANDLING OF THAT QUESTION AT UNGA WILL REQUIRE VERY CLOSE MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS AS WE MOVE AHEAD.

6. PRIMIN KIM SAID NORTH KOREANS HAVE ALREADY IN THEIR PROPAGANDA QUIT ATTACKING UNCURK SINCE THEY CONSIDER IT ALREADY DEAD. ALL THEIR
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EMPHASIS IS NOW ON THE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA. HE SAID IT IS CLEAR TO HIM THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE ALREADY MADE THAT THE MAJOR ISSUE.

7. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE AND THE ROKG AGREE ON HOW TO APPROACH THE UNCURK QUESTION. WE HAVE AGREED TO DELAY THE UNCURK REPORT UNTIL MID-AUGUST SO AS NOT TO GIVE AWAY OUR POSITION PREMATURELY.

B. KOREA-JAPAN RELATIONS

8. PRIMIN KIM TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT IN KIM'S RECENT MEETING WITH PRIMIN TANAKA HE EMPHASIZED

THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT APPROACH THE KOREAN PROBLEM IN THE SAME WAY IT DID THE CHINESE ISSUE. KIM TOLD TANAKA ANY DECISIONS JAPAN MAKES ON KOREA SHOULD BE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S., NOT DONE ARBITRARILY. KIM TOLD TANAKA KOREA IS LINKED TO JAPAN'S LIFELINE AND THAT JAPAN'S DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE US. RELATES TO KOREA'S SECURITY POSITION JUST AS THE U.S.-ROK MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY RELATES TO JAPAN. TANAKA SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW KIM'S ADVICE.

9. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT HIS DISCUSSION WITH OHIRA SATISFIED HIM THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE JAPANESE ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. HE SAID THAT DURING TANAKA'S U.S. VISIT THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESIDENT NIXON TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA.

10. KIM SAID THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL. HE ALSO NOTED THAT OHIRA TAKES A MORE "PRACTICAL" APPROACH THAN TANAKA TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM. CONSEQUENTLY, KIM HOPED THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD ALSO DISCUSS KOREA WITH OHIRA. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD.

C. U.S. ECONOMIC MEASURES

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11. PRIMIN KIM EMPHASIZED HIS CONCERN OVER RECENT U.S. TRADE MEASURES AFFECTING THE ROK ECONOMY. HE SAID THAT ROK ECONOMY WAS BEING "SUFFOCATED" BY THESE MEASURES. WHILE U.S. COULD NOT GIVE THE ROKG OVERTLY DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT, KIM REQUESTED THAT U.S. FIND "A LITTLE HOLE" TO ALLOW KOREA SOME RELIEF.

12. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT SECRETARY DENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS WITH THE PRIMIN AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROBLEMS WE FACE ARE NOT CAUSED BY OUR OWN FAILURES, BUT BY SHORTAGES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD. THE ECONOMIC MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN ARE TEMPORARY AND WE WILL GET RID OF THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NECESSARY. SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE HAVE NEVER FAILED TO CONSIDER SOUTH KOREA'S INTERESTS AND WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ROKG ON ORIS PROBLEM. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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